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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 88

Introduced by Assembly Member Lieu

December 13, 2006

An act to add Chapter 5.8 (commencing with Section 51950) to Part 28 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 88, as amended, Lieu. Pupil instruction: Internet safety resources.

Existing law prescribes various matters to be included in the adopted course of study at the appropriate elementary and secondary grade levels.

This bill would require the State Department of Education to develop and maintain a comprehensive list of Internet safety resources for use by local educational agencies. The list would be required to include, but not be limited to, specified subjects on Internet safety. The bill would also require the department to distribute, and make available on its Internet Web site, the list to local educational agencies. A local educational agency would be authorized to incorporate the resources into the agency's existing curricula. The department would be required to consult with regional and national experts and advocates on emerging Internet safety concerns and educational solutions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 5.8 (commencing with Section 51950) is added to Part 28 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, to read:

CHAPTER 5.8. ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS
INTERNET SAFETY RESOURCES

51950. (a) On or before January 1, 2009, the department shall develop and maintain a comprehensive list of Internet safety resources for use by local educational agencies.

(b) The list of Internet safety resources shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Safe and responsible navigation and communication on social networking Web sites, chat rooms, electronic mail, bulletin boards, instant messenger, and other means of communication on the Internet.

(2) The importance of keeping personal information and photographs private when interacting with strangers on the Internet.

(3) Recognizing and reporting solicitations by sexual predators online and the importance of anonymity and avoiding in-person meetings.

(4) Recognizing and avoiding unsolicited or deceptive communications received online.

(5) The use and basic operation of spyware countermeasures, including antivirus and antispyware software and hardware and software firewalls.

(6) *The importance of copyright; the dangers of plagiarism; the dangers of illegal peer-to-peer file sharing; and the dangers of illegally downloading and uploading sound recordings, software, and audiovisual works including theatrical and television motion pictures.*

(c) The department shall distribute, and make available on its Internet Web site, the list of Internet safety resources to local educational agencies. A local educational agency may incorporate the resources into the existing curricula of the agency.

- 1 (d) The department shall consult with regional and national
- 2 experts and advocates on emerging Internet safety concerns and
- 3 educational solutions.

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